

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-21, 23, 25-28 and 30-71 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 7, 12, 13, 23, 27, 28 and 30 are amended, claims 11, 22, 24 and 29 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 33-71 are added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended by Examiner Vu during the personal interview on June 2 with applicants' representative, Mr. Oren. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks. Should any issues remain after entry of this Amendment, Examiner Vu is respectfully requested to immediately contact Mr. Oren by telephone to discuss the matter.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 6, 10-11, 16-17, 20-22, 24, 26 and 28-29 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, features of allowable dependent claim 11 are incorporated into independent claim 1, features of allowable dependent claim 22 are incorporated into independent claim 12, features of allowable dependent claim 24 are incorporated into independent claim 23 and features similar to those in allowable dependent claims 6 and 10 are incorporated into independent claim 30. Additionally, allowable claim 28 is rewritten into independent form including features similar to previous claims 23 and 28. Thus, each of independent claims 1, 12, 23, 28 and 30 define patentable subject matter. Each of these independent claims were specifically discussed during the personal interview.

Japanese Patent 228820 to Takayoshi does not teach or suggest all of the features of independent claims 1, 12, 23, 28 and 30. Further, during the personal interview applicants

presented new independent claims 33 and 47 and explained that Takayoshi does not teach or suggest the features of each of these claims 33 and 47. Thus, independent claims 33 and 47 define patentable subject matter.

Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims also recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

The Office Action also objects to claims 12 and 23. The above amendments obviate the grounds for objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10, 12-21, 23, 25-28 and 30-71 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C. Oren**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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